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RE: In the Matter of the Petitions of Armour Independent Telephone Company, Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Kadoka Telephone

Company, Sioux Valley Telephone Company, Union Telephone Company and Vivian Telephone Company for Arbitration Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Resolve Issues Relating to Interconnections with WWC License LLC. (PUC Dockets TC06-036, 037, 038, 039, 040, 041, 042) , OHE file PUC 6-06.

Dear Counsel:

Some of you received a letter from me regarding a prehearing call. However, at the time of sending that letter, I did not have the complete list of lawyers and other parties to this action. So, I am taking the liberty of adapting this letter and adding the names of all of the lawyers/parties. Please accept my apologies for not being aware of all of the names earlier.

These dockets have been transferred to this office, pursuant to SDCL 1-26-18.3. I will be handling them.

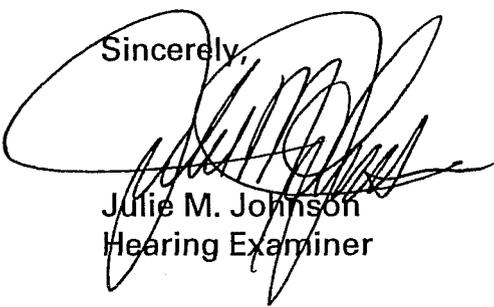
I believe it will be constructive to hold a prehearing conference call to review the current status of the manner and to review the current scheduling order.

Therefore, I have set a prehearing conference call for **Thursday, August 3, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., CDT, 9:00 a.m., MDT.** Please dial the conference operator at **1-800-254-1665** to participate in the call. Cell phones or cordless phones may interfere with the quality of the call.

In the meantime, if there are other matters about which I should know, please feel free to bring them to my attention. My direct line is 773-6850.

Thank you for your assistance in advance!

Sincerely,



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